

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of June 4, 2009, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 7 are amended to specify that the public key is used to decrypt an encrypted random number appended to the data relating to the consumable as generated by another integrated circuit. Support for this amendment can be found at paragraphs [0411]-[0444] of US 2004/0172532; and
dependent claims 2-5 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 7, and dependent claims 2-5, is not disclosed or suggested by Auerbach either considered alone or in view of the Examiner's official notice, because Auerbach merely discloses decrypting the encrypted list entries (see col. 5, lines 19-43), not decrypting an encrypted random number appended to the data relating to the consumable, as is required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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